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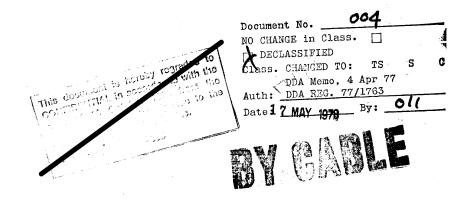
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1. The French Minister to Lebanon, Armand on Chayla, is reported to have visited the Lebanese Foreign Minister, Hamid Franjiyyah, on Ili January 1949 and to have told him that Haurice Fischer, the Israeli Representative in Paris, had approached the French Government for formal recognition of Israel, and had received a noncommittal reply.

2. According to du Chayla, the French Government wishes to maintain the status quo in the Levant and, therefore, it had urged immediate evacuation of Lebanese territory held by the Israeli forces and an assurance against further offensive action by them against both Syria and Lebanon.

Comment. This may explain the readiness of the Israelis to meet Lebanese demands that the Israelis evacuate villages 25X1A in south Lebanon.)



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